

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): IMAI, Koichi, et al.  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

Applicant gratefully thanks the Examiner for the Office Action dated January 31, 2008, setting forth a one-month period for response that expires on February 29, 2008. We request a one-month extension of time which will expire on March 31, 2008. Applicant respectfully responds as follows: